GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and the Gulf countries are the biggest transit points for narcotics drugs supply as brought out by the World Drug Report, 2006 released by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for this menace;

(c) whether drug addiction is on the rise in some States as observed in the Report; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps the Government proposes to check trafficking of Drugs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b): The World Drug Report 2006 released by UNODC does not refer to India as one of the biggest transit points for Narcotics Drugs supply

(c) & (d): The World Drug Report, 2006 also does not indicate that drug abuse is on the rise in some States of India. However, the Government has taken a number of steps to check trafficking of narcotics drugs within the country as well as across the borders. These include:-

(1) Strict surveillance and enforcement at import and export points, land borders, airports, foreign post offices etc.

(2) Intensive preventive and interdiction efforts along known drug routes.

(3) Improved coordination between the various drug law enforcement agencies in order to impart greater cohesion to interdiction.

(4) Intelligence sharing through coordination meetings of multi-disciplinary enforcement agencies under various foras like LIA meetings (SSB is the lead intelligence agency for Nepal border), Subsidiary Multi Agency Coordination (SMAC) meetings, Regional Economic Intelligence Meetings (REIM) and Central Economic Intelligence Meetings (CEIM).

(5) Strengthening of international liaison to improve the collection, analysis and dissemination of operational intelligence.

(6) Increased international cooperation for exchange of information and investigative assistance in administering control over the movement of precursor chemicals.

(7) Building of an electronic data base of offenders.

(8) Conducting training programmes for law enforcement officials for upgrading their skills to combat drug trafficking.

(9) Implementing a scheme of monetary rewards to informants and officers for providing information leading to seizures of Narcotics drugs.